

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Newark Bay Study Area Coordination Team Meeting, 11 Feb 08

1. The regularly scheduled monthly interagency coordination meeting was held on February 11, 2008 at the EPA offices to discuss the USACE and EPA activities in the Newark Bay Study Area (NBSA). Attendees are as follows:

Thomas Shea	USACE, NY District	Project Manager
Bryce Wisemiller	USACE, NY District	Project Manager
Richard Tomer	USACE, NY District	Chief, Regulatory Branch
Elizabeth Butler	USEPA, Region 2	Project Manager
Amelia Wagner	USEPA, Region 2	Attorney

Via Phone:

Ellen Simon	USACE, NY District	Attorney
Steven Weinberg	USACE, NY District	Project Engineer
Elizabeth Buckrucker	USACE, Kansas City	Project Manager

2. The following is a summary of the discussions held during the monthly coordination meeting:

a. The S-NB-1 contractor, Great Lakes Dredge & Dock (GLDD), has removed 175,531 CY of upland silt material in Areas C and D, and they have removed 331,557 CY of HARS and Reef material in Areas C and D, which is in the basic contract, and 84,274 CY of HARS and Reef material in Area B3 in option area 11. See diagram at end for location of contract areas.

b. Patricia Donahue stated she had no Federal maintenance dredging activity to report.

c. Richard Tomer stated that the only permit issue he has is with the Tern Landing Development, LLC (formerly OENJ Cherokee Corporation). In this case, there is some new and revised work described in the NJDEP Permit issued to Tern, which was not authorized by the original USACE permit; this work will require a USACE permit modification.

d. EPA NBSA: Elizabeth Butler had a meeting last month to lay out future work and prioritization (i.e. conceptual site model, biological active zone determination). One phase will be the data evaluation and all data is due into EPA in mid April. All of this work will feed into a Preliminary Remedial Investigation Report. She also stated that as a result of last month's meeting, the group decided not to establish formal, focused review groups, but rather all interested parties will be invited to attend the review sessions and they can decide for themselves whether to attend based on their interest or expertise.

e. Hudson River Foundation Study in Newark Bay: Bob Chant (of Rutgers) and Chris Sommerfield (of University of Delaware) received a grant from Hudson River Foundation (not from EPA or USACE) to do a sediment budget and real time sediment movement study in the Newark Bay. They are beginning work in Mid-February with surveys and will be installing monitoring moorings in mid-March (one of which will be in the middle of the bay). Coordination is still on-going and they need to contract the regulatory Branch to ensure any necessary permits are acquired.

f. Elizabeth Butler mentioned that the Natural Resource Trustees asked for a single meeting to discuss the Lower Passaic River Study, the Lower Passaic River Early Action Plan and the Newark Bay Study since there are overlapping issues. EPA has agreed to this and has asked the Corps to participate as well, in these agency-only meetings. They will be meeting on the first Wednesday of each month in the morning.

g. Elizabeth Butler invited all to a presentation of the EPA's work in the Newark Bay. Specifically, she invited Bryce Wisemiller to present a very short update on the geomorphologic report of Newark Bay we did in support of our EA. The presentation is scheduled for 5 March at 1300 to 1500, location TBD.

h. Elizabeth Butler also indicated that in the first version of the Phase 2 Work Plan, there was a table that attempted to show the Corps's previous work in the Newark Bay. The table was very inaccurate and Patrica Donohue apparently agreed to correct the O&M information. EPA would still like the table and would like to know when we could provide it. Tom Shea will coordinate with Patrica.

i. Tom Shea mentioned that the next NBSA public meeting will be held on 11 March 2008 at 3 pm, in Room 2120, dial in at (917)-790-8650. All agencies are invited to attend.

3. The next NBSA Coordination Team Meeting will be at the USACE offices (Rm 2120 and call in 917-790-8650) at 10 am on March 11, 2008

4. POC for this MFR is the undersigned at (917) 790-8304.

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S-NB-1 Contact Area, Basic and Option Areas

Regulatory Branch – Pending Applications in Newark Bay					
Applicant	Application Number	Type of Work	If Dredging CY & Depth	Location	Status
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	2006-3232-WSC	Berth reconstruction, maintenance dredge, and deepen to -45 feet MLW	58,000 CY Upland and 252,000 CY of Pleistocene clay to HARS	Newark Bay, Berths 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14, Port Newark Marine Terminal, Newark, NJ	Pending Decision
New York Container Terminal	2007-195-WCA	Dredging	195,000 CY to HARS, 267,000 CY with upland placement and 172,000 CY rock to artificial reef in Atlantic Ocean	Arthur Kill, Staten Island, NY	Pre-application; developing dredged material sampling plan
Hudson County Department of Engineering	2007-741-WSC	Fisheries Habitat Improvement Project	N/A	Newark Bay off of Stephen R. Gregg Park, Bayonne, Hudson County, NJ	Awaiting applicant's response to public notice comments
Performance Transportation	2007-157-EET	Fill in wetlands for commercial truck facility	N/A	Newark Bay, Delancey Street, Newark	Needs jurisdictional determination
Catellus Urban Renewal North Avenue	2006-107, PM: SJ	Fill in wetlands and stream relocation for commercial facility	N/A	Newark Bay, Union County, NJ	Needs jurisdiction determination
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	2007-1531-WSC	Allow future use of existing Newark Bay Confined Disposal Facility	N/A	Newark Bay, NJ	Awaiting additional information from applicant and needs WQC & CZM

Regulatory Branch – Issued Permits in Newark Bay

Permitee	Permit Number and Project Manager	Permit Expiration Date	Type of Work	If Dredging, CY & Depth	Location
Tern Landing Development, LLC (formerly OENJ Cherokee Corporation)	1997-07040, PM: SE	4/26/2009 (Note: Some work in the NJDEP Jan 08 permit would require a permit modification)	Dredging with Upland Placement	175,700	City of Elizabeth, Union County, NJ
Motiva Enterprises, LLC	1999-3620, PM: MV	1-Nov-10	Dredging with Upland Placement	38,000	Newark Bay, City of Newark
Amerada Hess Corporation	1999-11040, PM: MV	31-Aug-10	Dredging with Upland Placement	20,500	Newark Bay, City of Newark
Darling International	1999-13370, PM: MV	28-Jun-10	Dredging with Upland Placement	22,000	Newark Bay, City of Newark
Texaco Downstream Properties, Inc.	2003-01034, PM: SS	11-Apr-08	Pier Replacement and Bulkhead and Riprap for Shoreline Stabilization	N/A	Newark Bay, City of Bayonne
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	2002-0711, PM: SS	16-Oct-12	Dredging with Upland Placement	351,000 CY Upland (HARS Placement for 254,010 CY expired on 16 Oct 05)	Berths 2-98, Port Newark/Port Elizabeth, Newark Bay
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	2002-0711-2, PM: SS	11-Aug-14	Dredging with Upland Placement	3,000 CY Upland (HARS Placement for 60,000 CY expired on 11 Aug 07)	Berths 2-98, Port Newark/Port Elizabeth, Newark Bay
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	2006-57, PM: ESJ	11-Aug-15	Dredging	9,000 CY Upland and 35,000 CY rock for artificial reef	Arthur Kill, NY Container Terminal, Staten Island, NY
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	2006-3353, PM: SS	25-May-10	Dredging	47,000 CY Upland and 356,000 for	Berths 53, 55, 56, 57, 58, 60, 62, 78 (part), 80, 82, 84,

				HARS. Deepen Berths to -50 ft MLW	86, 88, 90, 92, 94 and 96 at Port Newark/Port Elizabeth Marine Terminal
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	2007-00821, PM: SJ	26-Dec-09	Fender repair	N/A	Port Newark/Port Elizabeth Marine Terminal
Union County	2004-00846, PM: SE	15-Aug-08	Outfall Pipe	N/A	Newark Bay, City of Elizabeth, Union County, NJ
Hudson County Department of Engineering	2006-245, PM: SS	20-Jun-08	Outfall Pipe	N/A	Newark Bay, Hudson County, NJ
Union County (North Avenue Corridor Improvement)	2006-00478, PM: SE	29-Jun-08	Outfall Pipe	N/A	Newark Bay, Union County, NJ
Colonial Pipeline Company	2006-03298, PM: SE	8-Nov-08	Directional drilling of pipeline	N/A	Newark Bay, Essex County, NJ
Metal Management Northeast, Inc.	2005-463, PM: SE Note: Previously shown as Application Number 2001-00871-EET)	27-Dec-10	Dock	N/A	Passaic River
Public Service Electric and Gas Services	2007-00209, PM: JC	12-Jun-09	Directional drilling to relocate pipeline	N/A	Newark Bay, City of Elizabeth, Union County, NJ
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	2006-00501, PM: SS	17-Aug-08	Repairs to Wharf	N/A	Newark Bay, Berth 19, Port Newark, NJ
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	2008-28, PM: LY	11-Jan-10	Repairs to Wharf	N/A	Howland Hook Marine Terminal, Staten Island, NY